

The Independent

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SALEM, Sept. 11, 1878.

At the present writing, Salem shows the bustle and life usual when the State Legislature is in session. The city is not altogether inviting just now, however. Great fires are raging in the mountains in Polk county, and so dense is the smoke from them that one's eyes are filled continually, and a drowsiness creeps upon you that is almost impossible to shake off. But the average Salemite does not care; he is now making his harvest, and proposes to spare no effort to "take in" the stranger whom chance, or an appreciative constituency, has thrown in his way.

Both houses of the Legislature effected permanent organizations last Monday. Senator Whiteaker, of Lane county, was elected President of the Senate, and Representative Thompson, of the same county, Speaker of the House. Our old friend, Col. White, of Clackamas county, holds the position of Chief Clerk of the House, and Syl. C. Simpson is Chief Clerk of the Senate. The presiding officers will undoubtedly give general satisfaction in the performance of their duties. Whiteaker is quick in making up his mind, ready in stating his opinion, and fair and impartial in his decisions. Then he is also so very plain in his manner and dress that at the first glance one would take him for a well-to-do Granger, and should the Independents of Douglas see him as he now appears, it is quite probable that many would regret that they did not vote for him last June. Thompson, though not so ready in the performance of the duties of Speaker, is certain to win the esteem of the members of the House; for he is kind, yet firm, and anxious to do his duty honestly and impartially.

So far, but little work has been done in either House—in fact, nothing beyond the introduction of a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Willamette, a bill for the protection of game, and a bill amendatory of chapter 12, title 50 of the civil code; and there will be but little accomplished in the way of legislation until after the election of United States Senator. The Senatorial question is a perplexing one to the Democratic members, and poor men, the way they are button-holed by aspirants is sad to behold. The Chemeketa hotel is headquarters, and when the tired members arise in the morning, he is at once beset by politicians, who give him no opportunity to rest, and at nine o'clock he finds himself worn out and disgusted, and yet a half-mile to walk before he can reach the Capital. It is not to be expected that a member will or can do much after he gets there. The members of our delegation are already hollow-eyed and weak from the punishment that has mercilessly been inflicted upon them, and were it not for the wit of Capt. Humphrey, of Albany—a gentleman who will be happy under all and any circumstances—I do believe they would feel inclined to exclaim, "Toot your horn, Gabriel, we are anxious to go." They will have rest as soon as the Senator is named, and then they will give a good account of themselves; all they want is the opportunity, and when that comes they will not fall behind the members of any other delegation in the house in the amount of the work they will perform.

We would like to be able to say who will be elected Senator. No one here proposes to answer so difficult a conundrum, feeling that no one on earth can guess it.

Sater, of Eastern Oregon, is the only aspirant who has shown his strength in the caucus, and his vote may be set down 13 or 14—eleven from Eastern Oregon, one from Clackamas county, and two from Polk. With this vote, it is said, he proposes to go to caucus and attempt to show that his election is demanded by his part of the State—in other words he will try a little bulldozing. Should this be his plan, and he should attempt to carry it out, he must certainly fail. Eastern Oregon has no more right to make a demand of this kind than any other part of the State, and it is thought not so much. For the past ten years, Eastern Oregon has received the lion's share in the matter of Congressional favors; and at the last election the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer came from there. These are facts beyond dispute and generally known, and if Mr. Sater goes into caucus expecting to win by saying Eastern Oregon must have the Senator, he will find there men from our part of the country who think Mr. Sater is not Eastern Oregon, and if he is, that Eastern Oregon may ask too much. Certainly, if locality is to be considered in the matter, the Senator belongs to Southern Oregon. Eastern Oregon was favored once this year, and the Governor is from Middle Oregon; Southern Oregon alone has nothing; remembering this our delegation will vote solid for a Southern Oregon man. They need not do this to succeed in the end. When they prove that they are in earnest, by voting for the strongest candidate from our part of the State, first, last and all the time, Sater will commence losing, and his fourteen votes will soon dwindle down to four or become useless to him. Here it is confidently believed he will almost be alone the third time a caucus is held.

Governor Thayer was inaugurated this morning, and the new State administration has begun the work for the accomplishment of which it was elected. The Governor's inaugural address was certainly a very able production, and is highly praised by both Democrats and Republicans. Had I the space at my disposal, I would speak of the address as it deserves. I am satisfied all the promises made by the Governor will be kept, and feel certain that his administration will result in profit to the people of Oregon.

The business in the office of Secretary of State is of course annually increasing, and requires double the amount of care and attention it did a few years ago. Under the careful management, however, of Hon. R. P. Earhart, the newly installed Secretary of State, a gentleman eminently qualified to fill the responsible position, and one whose qualifications and experience in the past enables him to bring with him a thorough knowledge of the duties assumed, we feel confident the records of the State are in safe hands, and will be kept with neatness and correctness. He has appointed Mr. Frank Hogkins, formerly city editor of the *Portland Daily Bee* as his assistant—an appointment that apparently gives very general satisfaction. Both gentlemen are courteous in the extreme, and are destined to make new friends in their present responsible positions. The coming State Fair promises to be a great success. No year previous has the rush for stalls been so great, and Friday workmen will begin the construction of twenty more for draught and fine horses. There are now thirty running and trotting horses in course of training on the fair grounds, more are daily expected. The Fair will commence on the 10th of October this year, and on the 18th, Col. Thos. C. Lang, of Wasco, will deliver the address. Those who know him say he is a fine speaker, and an able agriculturist.

Among many old friends I met here I find E. S. McComas and James Hendersott. These gentlemen are here as "lookers on at Venice," and will probably remain during the session of the legislature. The majority of those who hail from Douglas stop at the Chemeketa, where Matthews provides for their every want and is careful of their comfort. At this house Fred McAdams and Henry Gates, assisted by Tom Kelly, see that Senators and Representatives never go dry in the morning, and the way they are kept rushing necessarily leads to the belief that the average Oregon legislator is not proud, and pursues not the good things of this life, whether they come in the shape of fluids or solids.

CONTRACT LET.

Roseburg and Coos Bay Mail Contract.

The contract for carrying the mails between Roseburg and Coos Bay has been let to C. C. Huntly, of Washington, D. C. He carries the mail for the astonishingly low price of \$3,774 per annum, which is one half what the present contractor is now carrying the mail for. It is impossible for acceptable mail service to be rendered over this route for this low price. Our people are aware of the nature of the road between this city and Coos Bay, and although great effort has been made to make this road good, it is almost impassable in the winter time. That Mr. Huntly can carry the mails for one half what has been paid here seems impossible. Our people are weary of experiments and would rather mail service be circumscribed than accept such a false economy gives them.

CAREFUL CULTIVATION.

In order to raise the best crops on any land it is necessary that the land should be cultivated with care. It will not do to depend altogether on the natural richness of the soil, even in the Unqua Valley—in time the very best land, if not properly fertilized and cared for, will wear out and not raise half a crop. Farmers, who have experience, claim that land should be summer fallowed one year in three. This enables the soil to recuperate and double its fertility. Such a course with land now producing only 15 or 20 bushels to the acre, would yield from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre.

Even if the land does not become exhausted it will become over-run with weeds, and rendered only one half productive. Great care should be exercised so as to secure the best and most profitable cultivation of land. Care in the use of land will double the profit of farming. Exchange of ideas between farmers will enable them to better understand their occupation. At least it must be admitted that these are important reflections.

What is the Matter?

For sometime past complaints have reached this office from different parts of this county, that mail matter is very irregular. We received the following letter from a well respected citizen of Ten Mile, which we publish below:

TEN MILE, Sept. 7, 1878.

ED. INDEPENDENT: For some unknown cause our mail comes to us very irregular. The Independent reaches us about two out of three. This has been so now for some two months. Certainly there is a screw loose somewhere—let us hunt it up and have it tightened; what say you? W. R. W.

The INDEPENDENT has been sent to that post office regularly, and still complaints come in. The above letter refers to mail matter in general and not to this paper in particular. As the writer says "there is a screw loose somewhere," and for the benefit of those most interested it should be "tightened."

The State Fair.

We see by the Willamette valley papers that the State Fair Grounds are being improved and placed in good condition. It is the intention of the State Agricultural Society to leave nothing undone whereby the Fair may be a complete success. Stockmen this year will have splendid stables of horses on the grounds, and other exhibitors appear determined to excel the previous years in produce and works of art. This is as it should be; every farmer in the State is interested in making the State Fair successful. One thing has been disgraceful, and that is, the "numerous catch-penny affairs that are allowed on the ground. Anything that will contribute to the comfort and amusement of the people without swindling them, is not objectionable. We are certain the people of the State would support the managers in any steps they may take to exclude all swindling affairs from the grounds. Let action be taken energetically and thus protect Oregon's reputation at home and abroad.

It is no use telling a book agent you don't want anything. He knows better.

ROSEBURG RESPONDS.

This week the City Committee, composed of Messrs. A. A. Fink and Geo. Haynes, appointed to solicit subscription to aid the citizens suffering in the South from yellow fever, canvassed the city and received from our citizens \$154. The Committee then forwarded the money as follows:

Geo. Haynes.....	\$5.00
A. A. Fink.....	7.50
Thos. Grisdale.....	2.50
L. Langenberg.....	2.50
Virgil Campbell.....	2.50
J. S. Prichard.....	2.50
Wm. Carroll.....	1.00
John Clements.....	1.00
Isaac Jones.....	.50
J. C. Flood.....	.50
F. P. Hogan.....	2.50
Dr. Hamilton.....	2.50
T. P. Sheridan.....	2.50
E. Dry.....	2.50
M. Josephson.....	5.00
I. Carr.....	2.50
J. C. Fullerton.....	2.50
W. F. Benjamin.....	2.00
C. Gaddis.....	1.00
P. Cook.....	.50
Cash.....	1.50
G. Goldstein.....	.50
P. DeLozier.....	2.00
John Sheridan.....	1.00
Thomas Cruizer.....	2.00
W. L. Burton.....	2.50
S. Marks & Co.....	10.00
J. Dascumb.....	5.00
J. W. Strange.....	1.00
B. B. Rockway.....	.50
Van Car.....	.50
J. W. Carlson.....	1.00
S. T. Garrison.....	2.00
Frank Matthi.....	1.00
J. M. Lower.....	1.00
H. Hendricks.....	1.00
H. C. Stanton.....	5.00
Plaintiff.....	2.00
James Wright.....	.50
G. Fuller.....	2.50
Jas. McKinnon.....	2.50
T. J. Livingston.....	2.50
Jack Smith.....	.50
T. Ford.....	.50
H. L. Morton.....	1.00
Jack Whitsett.....	1.00
E. L. Fink.....	1.00
O. C. Perkins.....	2.00
John Aikoff.....	2.00
Wm. Carr.....	1.00
Peter Kearns.....	1.00
B. Hermann.....	2.50
W. Day.....	1.00
Sol. Abraham.....	3.00
H. Amos.....	1.00
L. F. Lane.....	1.00
John Jones.....	1.00
D. Bushey.....	1.00
John Ennes.....	1.00
Cash.....	.25
Chenoweth.....	.25
N. Imbler.....	1.00
Cash.....	2.50
John Pierce.....	.50
Wm. Frank.....	.50
McKinney.....	.50
P. Ward.....	.50
John Cox.....	.50
John McNeil.....	.50
John Rast.....	2.00
W. M. Rose.....	.50
Boggs Bros.....	2.50
D. C. McClellan.....	1.00
Wm. Melber.....	1.00
John Stark.....	.50
A. E. Champagne.....	2.00
Cash.....	1.00
Jack Rosensteln.....	1.00
M. Apple.....	1.00
E. Apple.....	.50
Cam Cox.....	.50
R. Truckling.....	1.00
L. Cobble.....	.50
L. Berlie.....	.50
John Clark.....	1.00
J. F. Clark.....	1.00
John Noble.....	.50
George Bratt.....	.50

The Board deserves praise for the interest each of its members took in this matter. A larger sum could have been obtained by delaying a few days, but as the wants of the stricken people are so great it was thought best to send the money at once.

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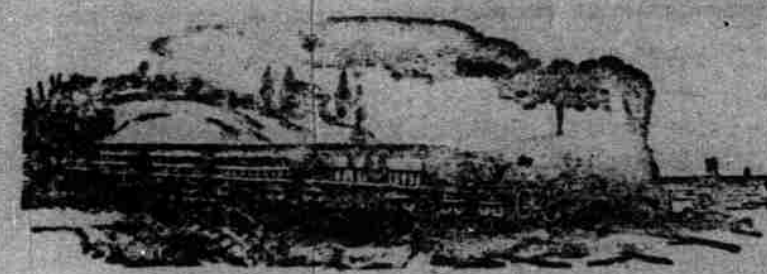
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